

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what's
good for a healthy
democracy.

Sinclair is using
public resources to
thwart the
democratic process
by inflicting its
ideology on the
American public.
Whether that
ideology is
conservative or
progressive is not
the point. The
point is that no one
entity should be
allowed to hijack
the public airwaves
to force feed its
ideology to the
American public.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.